

Housekeeping in Nicaragua.

Particulars of the Central American Menage. From a Day in a Hammock, Ways of the World.

Special correspondence of The Journal. MANAGUA, Dec. 10th, 1896. We have just returned from a stay of another week, in order to enjoy the novelty of housekeeping in the manner of Central Americans. It is not so much the novelty of housekeeping as the novelty of the people, that has attracted our attention. Our letters of introduction have gained us several pleasant acquaintances in Leon, among them the Gonzalez family. The son, and his good wife, were going out to their catfish for a week, and, considering our condition in the "hot hotel," placed their city home at our disposal during their absence. They were kind enough to accept of us as a favor to themselves. "To be sure," they do not run away with us, but the son, with a twinkle in his eye, and that water the flowers, "let us take it," added the son. The house from hotel life in Central America would be a boon to the hungry and to this indeed, well-ordered, as for a whole week we may as well be at home, like those of our neighbors. You enter it from a room through enormous double doors, and from thence is divided into two rooms, a partition running part way across the sala (Spanish for parlor) and the other barred windows, guilts of heavy wooden shutters inside, and the sidewalk of one of the streets. Facing the wide sala is a smaller door leading out to the courtyard—the hollow square in the center of the house is built and the most important part of the Central American establishment. It occupies the whole front of the house, and is the rear of it beyond the sala, a long apartment on the left side serves for the family sleeping quarters, with low bamboo partitions affording privacy to each of its several rooms, while the opposite side is the store-rooms and servants' quarters. In the far corner of the patio is a small shed, called by courtesy a kitchen, screened off by bamboo stuck in the ground. Behind the bamboos is a large range—a regular altar of adobe, with a sort of bonfire built on top. First a broad bench, and on top of it, a large stone, and on top of the stone a large pot, and so on, as to the fire, it is built, of long crooked sticks of wood, which peons bring from the mountains on donkey-back, and the bundle from door to door, the wood is pushed in between the stones, and the cooking is done. The pots set over the hot embers, and the smoke has subsided. You could be astonished to see how well a dinner, of as many as twenty persons, can be prepared by this means, on this primitive range. In the corner of the patio is our bath, and it is a most interesting sight. A large tub, but a refreshing shower, and at other times the water is brought in buckets from the well. The natives believe that to bathe in the water, as they call that drawn from the earth, is very debilitating, while the rain water fresh from heaven has the opposite effect. The thatched roof of the house, which surrounds the patio, answers for the Yankee "back porch," the universal dining-room of the Central American. In these occasions meals may be served in the sala, but we have never seen it done. The dress eating apartment is as simple as the most fastidious could desire, shaded by palms and mango trees, with fragrant birds in wicker cages overhead, and gorgeous flowers bloom in pots. We find it wise to offer few suggestions as the menu of our 11 o'clock breakfast and 6 o'clock dinner, although the natives, and Jose, the maid and mozo, evidently acting under orders from the departed son, come twice a day with the punctuality to learn our wishes. No doubt we fare better by keeping our ignorance to ourselves, and by observing the customs of the natives. "While in Rome, be like the Romans." Many of the native dishes whose ingredients are an unguessed condiment and whose names, even, we do not know, are delicious and wholesome. We are sure, we sigh in vain for the coffee and butter on our bread, but the natives long for the similitude of the bread, but one could fare well on the salads alone, to say nothing of the endless variety of fruits. Of course there is no ice, but the water is not unpleasant, being cooled in a native filter of sand, and like a big round-bellied watermelon, and called a "monkey." The national beverage known as ziste, made of chocolate, corn meal and water, is very refreshing. The people drink it always from a gourd of the jaccary tree, fancying that it gives the decoction a better flavor. Every Nicaraguan house is rich in jaccaras, of all shapes and sizes, many of them beautifully carved and colored. Dolores makes a duty to offer us ziste about every half hour, in a beautiful long-necked gourd of Chinese-yellow, with figures in dull red sprawling over it. The costumes of the serving women of Leon is certainly not burdensome. Indoors it consists of one garment only, a white cotton blouse, and a low in the neck, and a skirt, which is washed with embroidery. Referred to Committee on Education. By Mr. Holbrook of New-garment of a topographic sur-

similar name known to Northern ladies, and reaches nearly to the feet, often with two or three flourishes around the bottom. In reality it is sort of a low-necked Mother Hubbard, and when confined by a sash answers very well for both skirt and bodice. In the street a *babayo*, or long scarf, is gracefully twisted around the shoulders, and on extraordinary occasions shoes are worn. As a rule, however, the women of this class go bare footed; and very pretty feet they have, small, well-arched, the toes separated like the pickets of a fence. These girls, with more Indian than Spanish blood in their veins, are far handsomer than the ladies of high degree in Nicaragua. About the prettiest sight you can find in Leon is the little stream back of the town on wash days, when these women are out by the score, arrayed in vivid reds, blues, greens and yellows, for no color is too bright, or combination too glaring, to suit their taste. Uncorseted, supple and graceful, they bend to their task with cheerful industry, chattering the while in the dulcet tones of their native patois.

The ladies of the aristocracy are exceedingly proud, and having little education and less knowledge of the outside world, are firm in the conviction that Nicaragua is above criticism and Nicaraguans superior to all the rest of Adam's race. Indeed ancestral pride is often so conspicuous in their demeanor and conversation as to border upon the ludicrous, or the offensive, and the fact that a person happens to have been born outside this country seems to them a misfortune which can never be "lived down." This is also true in a measure of both sexes of the upper class, but is less pronounced among the men, who are generally well educated and traveled. But it is a fault easily lost sight of among their many virtues. All are kindness and hospitality personified to the stranger, and the women have universally the sweetest and gentlest dispositions imaginable. Though contented to spend most of their lives swinging idly in their hammocks, they are devoted to their husbands and children and the tenets of the Romish church. Truly the densest ignorance is better than that dangerous thing, "a little learning," which in the north sometimes begets those unsexed monstrosities, petticoated politicians. The Nicaraguans are much more social in disposition than the other people of Central America. They have their tertulias, (a near relation to the "high tea") and balls, and are much given to dinner parties,—at which latter entertainments the greatest imported delicacy is codfish. Everybody "in society" rides on horse-back—the favorite hour being before six a. m. when the air is deliciously fresh and cool. Five o'clock p. m. is the fashionable time for full dress parade in the plaza; then home to dinner or tertulia, and by nine o'clock everybody is abed. The climate at this time of year is as near perfection as one is apt to find in this world, a little too hot at mid-day—but then the siesta reigns and nobody minds it. The wind which always sweeps up toward evening carries a refreshing coolness which makes warm wraps and blankets agreeable necessities after sunset. The great annual holiday of the Nicaraguans is known as El Paseo al Mar, "excursion to the sea." It occurs toward the end of March, when the dry season is well advanced and everything buried deep in dust, after the harvests are gathered and the crop sold, and while pater familias feel flush on the proceeds. Preparations are made long in advance, and as soon as the March moon comes carts are packed with a little furniture and a good many trunks and the exodus begins. It is only about 15 miles from Leon to one of the best bathing beaches along the whole Pacific coast; but the journey is made the occasion of as much planning and preparation as many people expend on a trip to Europe. Everybody goes, the peon as well as the hidalgo, and for a fortnight Leon is a deserted city. There are no hotels or boarding houses at the beach, but each family takes along a tent, or sets up a bamboo shack and lives in negligence under the shade of the splendid forest trees which extend almost to the ocean's edge. The government sends down a battalion of troops ostensibly to preserve order among the pioneers, but in reality as an excuse for giving the officers and soldiers a share in the annual holiday. It is said that social laws are very much relaxed during this Paseo, and that Cupid is king during these few weeks of the Nicaraguan year. There are no bathing houses, and no bathing dresses are worn. The people go into the surf as nature equipped them, the ladies on one side of a long sand spit that stretches out into the sea, the men on the other side. The Paseo al Mar is the perpetuation of a semi-religious Indian custom, which has something to do with the baptism of St. Peter, or insure plenty of fish during the rest of the year. Leon has more churches than all the other cities of Nicaragua combined. Every morning at the first peep of dawn one is awakened by a wonderful chorus of bells, compared to which Poe's tintinnabulation was as nothing. Telling, booming, tinkling, jangling—big bells, little bells, bass bells and tenors all fused into one huge discordant uproar, which effectually murders sleep and makes one glad to flee out of doors with the populace.

The thing that we have enjoyed most in Leon is watching the ever-varying aspect of Monotombo's top, from a hammock slung under a mango tree. I am ashamed to tell you how many hours we have spent in this idle occupation; yet the psalmist knew what he was about when he wrote, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, whence cometh my help." Old Tombo, rock-ribbed, ancient as the sun, stands 7,200 feet in his stockings, about 12 miles from our doorway. He seems to combine every quality which a first class volcano ought to possess. He is bald-headed, and smokes incessantly, after the manner of his tribe and all Nicaraguans, but age has cooled the passion of his youth, and though he even now mutters and frowns darkly at times, he is no longer considered dangerous. He is one of the highest, purely volcanic masses in the world,—waving his white plume just a mile and a

half above the lake which ripples at his feet. True, Cotapaxi measures nearly three times as much, but its base, properly speaking, begins at an elevation of 14,500 feet; while here we have the whole grand pile, standing on a level with us, in view at once. All climates are found along its sides. The first 2,000 feet of gradual rise is covered with a dense tropical forest, dark and dismal—the haunt of monkeys, serpents and stinging things innumerable, the huge trees all draped and tangled with vines and orchids. Above this is a second bit of woodland, diversified by wide spaces of barren rock and grassy glades with trees of pine and oak, whose acorns furnish food for herds of wild hogs which claim the region by right of conquest and hold their title by superior numbers against the more powerful mountain lion. At an elevation of 4,000 feet all traces of vegetation disappear and the vast cone rises abruptly—an unbroken mass of lava and scoria to the yawning crater into whose mysterious depths human eyes have never gazed. Always glorious and ever changing, Monotombo is perhaps most beautiful after sunset. Long after night has drawn her mantle over the lower world, the high crest of the mountain remains aglow with rosy light, the deep gorges that scar its sides traced in dark blue lines on an amethyst ground; while from the depths of the crater a luminous cloud spreads out like a canopy of gold.

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Pittsfield Paragraphs.

Mrs. Lyman Pettigrew of Lewiston visited her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Chamberlain, recently. Miss Nellie Gould has returned to Boston to resume her musical studies. The sickness in town has somewhat abated. Mr. Alonzo B. Shaw died at his home near the village Jan. 15th, of pneumonia, aged 78 years and 8 months. Mrs. Maria Nickels, who sustained some injuries to one of her shoulders by a fall, is recovering quite rapidly. Mrs. J. S. Davis is still suffering very much from rheumatism in all her limbs, especially in her arms and shoulders. A. L. Hatch and daughter Clara of Fairfield visited E. H. Hatch and family recently. Mrs. N. C. Smith visited friends in Portland recently. Miss Isadore Flye of Lowell, Mass., visited Mrs. Maria Nickels and other friends in town several days recently. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Farwell have arrived from their wedding trip to New Haven, Ct., and will reside with Mr. Farwell's mother, corner of Park street and Hartland avenue. Miss Caroline Fuller is in Portland for a few weeks. A beautiful chandelier has been put into Powers Hall at the Institute, a gift from Mr. Allen Hackett. The hall is to be dedicated sometime in February, the 23d, I think. Mr. Ansel Welch of Portland, formerly of this town, was the guest of H. J. Brackett one day recently. Mr. Wm. C. Whitney, quite an aged man, sprained one of his legs quite badly by slipping on the icy side walk a short time ago, but is getting along nicely. W. B. Mills & Co. have opened their new store recently bought of Rufus Burns, and are making quite a display of millinery and fancy goods. A son was born to the wife of C. B. Haskell, former editor of the Pittsfield Advertiser, Jan. 15th, and as it was the birthday of the grandfather of the child, the present editor of the paper, they gave him his name, Orrin S. Just before the Legislature opened at Augusta, about 25 of the employees of the Waverly Woolen Mills met at the home of Representative Burs in Middle street, to present him a token of respect. He had been their overseer for several years. They gave him a fine seal ring and a heavy gold chain with Masonic charm with appropriate inscription. Speeches were made and replied to, refreshments were served, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed. Mr. Burs has been a life-long residence of Pittsfield and is highly respected by all who know him. Mrs. A. H. Burs and Mrs. Annie Miliken attended the convention of the Y. P. C. U. at Hallowell, Jan. 15th. They visited Hon. A. H. Burs at the State House, Augusta, were present at a session of the Legislature and viewed other points of interest about the Capitol. The Tuesday Club is showing a good deal of interest in its meetings this winter. At present they are reading Shakespeare and studying parliamentary rules and usages. Misses Sophronia McCausland and Mae Gould are at home from Biddeford, where they have been at work for some time in a printing office. The W. C. T. U. society held a medal contest recently at the Free Baptist Church, which was well attended and much enjoyed. All the parts were good and well rendered. Miss Floy Gould won the medal. Seventeen dollars were taken at the door, which will be used for a benevolent purpose. The revival meetings at the Methodist Church have been largely attended. Harry Graham visited relatives in town a few days recently. He has employment at Rumford Falls and has a good situation.

Casket and Flowers for a Pug.

The workmen of Burpee's undertaking rooms Saturday were busily engaged making a casket in which to bury the pug dog Judy belonging to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Morrill of Rockport. The casket was of the finest quality being lined with pink satin, the outside being white. On the top of the casket was placed a silver plate with the dog's name inscribed and the age, which was 10 years and 7 months. A large number of flowers together with the casket were taken Saturday afternoon by Burpee's undertaking wagon to Rockport where the remains were buried. Evidently Mr. and Mrs. Morrill were much grieved over the loss of their pet, Rockland Star.

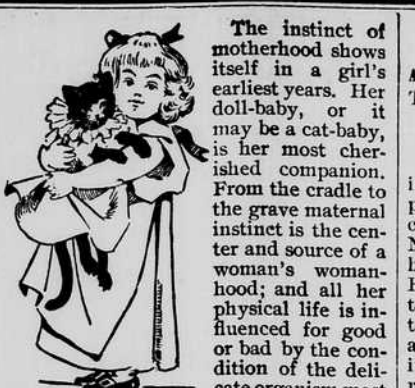
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METHODS OF MIND TRAINING. By Miss C. Aiken. 1042.1
In Methods of Mind Training Catherine Aiken, a teacher of thirty years' experience, expounds and illustrates for the benefit of other teachers a system of her own devising for fixing the attention, strengthening the memory, and developing the mental powers of young children. The mechanical means are chiefly the use of figures on a revolving blackboard, and teachers of primary schools will be repaid by studying her method and experimenting with it in their own classes.

WAYMARKS FOR TEACHERS. By Sarah L. Arnold. 1052.36
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MARGARET OGILVY. By her son J. M. Barrie. 838.20
To say that Mr. Barrie's mother was one of the women who make a religion of serving others, and whose mere existence is a joyous benediction, is not by any means to put the matter fairly. Her life was uneventful, as the world looks at such things, but the story, as her son unfolds it, runs through a dramatic alternation of humor and pathos with the spontaneity and naturalness that should come home to every heart. It was a standing joke in the Barrie household, that Margaret Ogilvy, under some name or other, was sure to be found in every one of the young people's stories, and in this book the author confesses proudly that the assertion was true, and that all he knows or will ever know of woman he learned from her. "Margaret Ogilvy" is a book that should make one give thanks to the author for having written it. Family affection should be made more deep and tender and enduring wherever it carries its eloquent and persuasive message.

MARM LISA. By K. D. Wiggins. 1246.34
Whatever else it may do or leave undone, a book by Kate Douglas Wiggin is sure to add something to the treasury of those who read it. In addition to its humor, there is a quality in this writer's work whose influence on the reader's mind is comparable to the physical effect produced by an open fire and a cozy tea-table. In other words, Mrs. Wiggins creates for us the atmosphere of comfort, the sensation of good cheer. The subject matter of the book is the story of a girl, brought about by her mother, in spite of the fact that she has here tried the daring experiment about the development of a feeble-minded child. The success of such an innovation in heroines would have seemed very questionable before the event, but in reality no one can read of Marm Lisa's pitiful little history, and the little battle fought by Mistress Mary and her kinsfolk in the child's behalf, without being absorbed in the recital and softened by it.

THE GRAY MAN. By S. R. Crockett. 116.14
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AMERICAN HIGHWAYS. A popular account of their conditions and of the means by which they may be bettered. By N. S. Shaler. 32.79
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Capital paid up in Cash, \$4,000,000.
ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1896.
Real estate owned by the company, \$25,000.00
Unimproved, \$25,000.00
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), \$4,000,000.00
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, \$50,000.00
Pany, market value, \$4,000,000.00
Loans secured by collateral, \$5,000.00
Cash in company's principal office and in bank, \$750,875.00
Interest due and accrued, \$20,847.41
Premiums in the course of collection, \$75,750.00
Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value, \$11,411,184.21
LIABILITIES, DECEMBER 31, 1896.
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$41,005.94
Amount required to safely reimburse all outstanding risks, \$5,000,000.00
All other demands against the company, viz: commissions, etc., \$62,204.81
Total liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$5,463,210.75
Capital actually paid up in cash, \$4,000,000.00
Surplus beyond capital, \$1,463,210.75
Aggregate amount of liabilities, including net surplus, \$11,411,184.21
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CHARLES FLAY, President. ORVILLE E. FRYER, Secretary.
Capital paid up in Cash, \$3,000,000.
ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1896.
Real estate owned by the company, \$47,432.50
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), \$4,000,000.00
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, \$4,000,000.00
Pany, market value, \$4,000,000.00
Loans secured by collateral, \$5,000.00
Cash in the company's principal office and in bank, \$750,875.00
Interest due and accrued, \$20,847.41
Premiums in the course of collection, \$75,750.00
Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value, \$11,411,184.21
LIABILITIES, DECEMBER 31, 1896.
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$41,005.94
Amount required to safely reimburse all outstanding risks, \$5,000,000.00
All other demands against the company, viz: commissions, etc., \$62,204.81
Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$5,463,210.75
Capital actually paid up in cash, \$4,000,000.00
Surplus beyond capital, \$1,463,210.75
Aggregate amount of liabilities, including net surplus, \$11,411,184.21
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Atomizers Repaired AT SLIGHT COST.
We have just received a lot of Covered and Plain Bells, Valves, Tubes and Fittings. Can make your old Atomizer as good as new.

THE REPUBLICAN JOURNAL.

BELFAST, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1897.

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The Lewiston Journal recently devoted two columns of space to a scheme for supplying the cities of Lewiston and Auburn with pure milk at a lower price than ever before known. In brief, the cream was to be collected, leaving the skim milk on the farms, taken to the Turner Centre creamery and reduced to butter fat. This butter fat was to be supplied to customers as wanted, they to add water and reduce it to milk again. The well-posted Maine Farmer knocks the scheme in the head by reminding its promoters that butter fat "reduced" with water does not make milk!

Publishers who have tried nearly all the gift enterprises and other schemes, have finally concluded that the cheapest way to build up a subscription list is to make a newspaper that people want to read. This point gained, advertising follows as a matter of course. [Press and Printer.]

The Journal has never resorted to gift enterprises or fake schemes, but has given its best efforts to making "a newspaper that people want to read." The large extra sales for the past month indicate that in this respect we have been fairly successful, and we shall continue a policy which has made The Journal a welcome visitor in Waldo county homes and to Waldo county people abroad.

An Augusta correspondent of the Boston Herald gives "a prominent Democrat" as authority for the statement that Arthur Sewall of Bath and C. B. Morton of Augusta are taking steps to control the Democratic State committee and to continue to pledge the party to the free silver issue. Of the new Democratic State committee eight are classed as hard money men, six as out and out silver men, and two as doubtful. Dr. G. C. Kilgore of Belfast is included among the out and out silver men, but the general impression is that he was not on that side during the last campaign. The list of "leading Democrats" who will follow Mr. Sewall includes some political dead ducks who can add no strength to the movement; and practically it amounts to nothing anyway.

It is evident that Gov. Powers knew what he was talking about when in his inaugural address he strenuously urged economy. The report of the State treasurer, just published, makes a showing that emphasizes the Governor's plea. The reduction of the tax last year from 2 1/2 to 2 1/4 mills has resulted in the overdrawing of nearly every appropriation. The official estimate for running the State for another year is \$1,274,000; and to raise this sum financiers say the State will have to advance its tax from 2 1/4 to 2 3/4 mills. The appropriations asked for in 1897, over and above the necessary ordinary expenditures, already amount to \$800,000; and the end is not yet. The general impression about the Capital is that a message will soon be forthcoming from Gov. Powers, asking that a halt be called in the making of appropriations.

Mrs. Bradley-Martin of New York is to give a ball masque at an expense, according to the newspaper estimates, of from \$50,000 to \$250,000. The mere announcement has sufficed to call forth columns of criticism from both press and pulpit, and some of the good ministers of Boston are greatly exercised over what they are pleased to consider foolish extravagance. But censure could be more fitly applied to millionaires who do not spend their money. A general loosening of the purse strings of the rich would bring better times to those who are compelled to earn their livelihood. The money to be expended for Mrs. Martin's ball will go to the dry goods stores, the milliners, the dress-makers, the florists, the musicians, the caterers, and will find its way into circulation through these and other channels. Let those dance who can pay the fiddler, we say.

We publish on the 7th page the Waldo county statistics from the report of the Board of State Assessors for 1896. Virgil G. Eaton, the Augusta correspondent of the Bangor Daily News, well says of this report that "it is as full of meat as a new-laid Plymouth Rock egg. It is of the meaty, tabulated and understandable valuation of the State of Maine, the most complete and accurate that was ever published. It represents months and years of hard labor, of close calculation and of weary contact with figures obtained from every possible source that is reliable. It is a fair valuation of Maine, too. Not a three-quarters scale, not guesswork, not anything but the actual money value of the property." A tabulated statement of the polls and valuation of Maine since 1820, shows an increase in both year by year. The increase in polls from 1894 to 1896 was about 4,000 and of valuation about \$4,000,000.

The Engel railroad bill, which some people think means the ultimate absorption of the Maine Central railroad by the Boston and Maine, is a topic of vital interest at the State Capital. Hon. C. E. Littlefield of Rockland went to Augusta last week to fight the bill, having been retained for that purpose by the Alden estate, which holds nearly 3,000 shares of Maine Central stock, and he had the meeting appointed for Wednesday postponed to await the arrival of the administrator of the estate, who lives in Clinton, Iowa. An Augusta correspondent of the Portland Sunday Times, in reviewing the railroad history of this State, and the consolidation of various Maine railways into one large company to be known as the Maine Central, says of the Belfast and Moosehead Lake railroad:

"The lease of this road unlike that of the others, was for 50 years. It is this fact that causes some of the people interested in the Belfast line to take a lively interest in the Engel bill, because, they ask, what will be the effect of the powers it gives the larger road when the lease of the Belfast and Moosehead Lake has expired."

The Churches.

The services at the Unitarian church next Sunday will include sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Leighton, at 10 45 a. m., followed by Sunday school.

The services at the North church next Sunday will be preaching, Sunday school, Junior and Senior Y. P. S. C. E. and evening service, at the usual hours.

The services at the Universalist church next Sunday will be as follows: Morning worship with sermon at 10 45; subject, "Fighting against God." Sunday School at 12. Young peoples' meeting at 6 p. m.

Rev. H. I. Holt began a series of meetings at the Methodist Church last Sunday evening, with a large attendance. The meetings are continued each evening during the week, except Saturday, and on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Afternoon meetings at 2 o'clock, evenings at 7 15.

A very large congregation assembled at the Baptist Church last Sunday evening, and many were obliged to go away, not even finding standing room. An interesting service was held, including the baptism of three candidates, two young ladies and one young man. The music by the chorus choir was fine.

Rev. H. E. Foss of Bangor, has been selected to manage and personally conduct the Maine excursion party to the International Epworth League convention in Toronto July 15-18, 1897. Arrangements are already being made which will insure the success of this trip to Toronto, Montreal and Niagara Falls. Those interested are invited to communicate with Mr. Foss.

Services at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday, Feb. 7th, will be as follows: 10 45 a. m., sermon by the pastor; Sunday school at 12 m.; meeting of Junior League at 3 30 p. m.; meeting of Epworth League at 6 p. m., leader Ella Sprague. Topic, "Immanuel, God with us," text, Isa. 7: 14 and 9: 6 7; song service at 7 followed by a sermon to the young people by Rev. L. H. Holt, the boy preacher. The subject for Thursday night will be "Fight for Life;" for Friday, "Glories of Life;" and Sunday evening, "Joys of Salvation."

The services at the Baptist Church next Sunday will be as follows: Preaching service at 10 45 a. m., sermon by the pastor upon "Church Loyalty" Ps. 26: 8. Communion service at the close of the morning service. General praise and preaching service at 7 o'clock. Subject of sermon, "Lessons from the Syrophenician Woman." Meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. at 6 o'clock. Topic, "Sinners," with one's self, with others, with God. Ps. 15: 1-2; Zech. 8: 16-17. Lesson, Miss Fannie Rhoades. All young people are cordially invited to attend. The following music will be given: Morning—"Bow Down Thine Ear," and Anthem, "Hail! Truth's Sacred Rays," Borden. Evening—Chorus, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," Emerson; and duet, selected.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

J. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 7c.

STOCKTON SPRINGS. Mrs. John Marden died at her home Jan. 30th, aged 50 years. Mrs. Marden had been an invalid for a number of years. She leaves a husband and three daughters—Mrs. Clara Marden, Mrs. George Laupher and Miss Blanche Marden. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, Rev. R. G. Harbutt of Searsport officiating.

Mrs. Harriet Berry, widow of the late Sewall Berry, died Feb. 1st, aged 74 years. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Annette Grant. The funeral was held at her late home on Cape Jellison Feb. 3d, Rev. R. G. Harbutt of Searsport officiating.

MISS ANNIE MURRAY of Burnham, who has been visiting Miss Jennie Lambert, returned at home Jan. 26th. John Wardwell of Camden and his brother Arthur of Rockland were in town the past week. Edward Lancaster and sons, Joseph and Percy, are at home. They have been employed in Bangor for some time. Capt. Elden Shute arrived home from Boston Jan. 25th. Ray Bowden, who is employed in Boston, is at home for a short time. Edgar Ellis and Wilbur Parsons arrived home Saturday from Pittsburg, Mass. Adrian Trundy has leased the house owned by John Randall of Belfast and moved in last week.

PROSPECT FERRY. The Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. Rebecca Harriman Jan. 27th. A goodly number were present and all reported a good time. Miss Lizzie Wilson returned to Bangor last Saturday. Allie Batchelder has been quite sick the past week, but at this writing is very much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cunningham spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Heagan. The many friends of Capt. Evander Harriman are anxiously looking for his arrival in Belfast. He left Gloucester three weeks ago with a general cargo for Belfast and Bucksport. Mrs. W. C. Harding is gaining fast, and her many friends hope to see her out when the weather gets warmer.

Whether itching, burning, bleeding, scaly, crusted, pimply, or blotchy, whether simple, scrofulous, or hereditary, from infancy to age, speedily cured by warm baths with CURICURA SOAP, gentle anointments with CURICURA OINTMENT, the great skin cure, and mild doses of CURICURA RESOLVENT, greatest of blood purifiers and humor cures.

Curicura
It's neglect of throat and bronchial troubles that leads to death-dealing disease.

HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR
No wonder Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar is praised by its users. Its curative effects are like magic. Sold by druggists.

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute.

Pure Blood

Blood means sound health. With pure rich, healthy blood, the stomach and digestive organs will be vigorous, and there will be no dyspepsia. Rheumatism and Neuralgia will be unknown. Scrofula and Salt Rheum will disappear. With pure

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. \$1; six for \$5. Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

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Prepared by the NODWAY MEDICINE CO., NORWAY, N.Y.
YOUR MONEY REFUNDED.
If it fails to benefit you when used strictly as directed, on the inside wrapper, try a bottle. Sold by all dealers.

Brown's Instant Relief

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Ye Skeptics!

A VERY VALUABLE REMEDY.
While suffering recently from a severe cold, resulting in great pain in the lungs, with all the symptoms of congestion, a friend recommended "Brown's Instant Relief." A single dose relieved the acute pain, and continuing its use for a short time, the cold, attended with severe cough, was completely "broken up." I have since used it in my family for colds, with instant beneficial results. I consider "Brown's Instant Relief" a very valuable remedy.

S. W. MATTHEWS,
Comm. of Labor for Maine.

NORTHPORT NEWS.

Mr. Emory Brown came up from Rockland Saturday evening and remained until Sunday evening with his family.

Miss Marie Hobbs of Brooks was the guest of Miss Nina Dickey during the past week. Miss Dickey returned the visit this week.

Miss Louisa Pitcher of the back part of the town has been spending a week with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Batchelder.

Capt. Del. Heath of sch. Antelope of Rockport, while discharging corn at the Trap last week, made a brief visit to his cousin, Mrs. Eliza Brown.

Notices are out for a citizens' caucus to be held at the Cove schoolhouse Friday afternoon, Feb. 19th, at 2 30 for the purpose of nominating a full set of town officers. It is very important that every citizen should remember the date and be on hand at the time.

The masquerade ball appointed for Thursday evening, Jan. 21st, was postponed on account of the bad weather to Wednesday evening, Jan. 27th. The weather was delightful and many availed themselves of the opportunity to be present. About 8 o'clock Prof. Whitten drew his bow, the cornet sounded and the organist struck the key and soon thirty couples went merrily in step to the music of the grand march. The seats around the hall were filled with spectators who were busily engaged in telling near neighbors who this and that one was, perhaps rightly guessing the individuals, but in most instances it was a mistaken identity. The maskers were not quite as numerous as has generally been the custom here, but those present made a very creditable appearance. We give the following partial list: Mrs. Abbie Black, Free Silver; Bertie Jameson, The Daughter of the Regiment; Forest Pendleton, Dandy Jim; Mrs. Levi Morrill, Day and Night; Will Waterman, negro cook; Eva Knowlton, crazy patchwork; Ralph Waterman, Clown; Mrs. Mary Jameson, The gold standard; J. Broham, Old Capt. Collier; Nina Dickey, The Bride; A. F. Elwell, Rocky Mountain Sam; Bessie Knowlton, Little Bo Peep; Ben Jameson, Cuffie; Abbie Batchelder, Spring; Mrs. W. Mendell, Snowflakes; Bertha Priest, an old maid; Miss Emma Herrick, Topsy. On the whole it was a very pleasing display to the on-lookers, and no doubt the maskers felt well satisfied with the result of their efforts to make the affair so successful. A substantial supper was served in the lower hall by the ladies of the G. T. society, and was most liberally patronized. After refreshments dancing was resumed until the small hours of the morning reminding the happy throng that it was time to go, and they returned to their respective homes feeling very much obliged to Messrs. Black and Wiggin for the good time enjoyed.

The supper and entertainment which was to be given by the Ladies' Aid Society connected with the Baptist church last Thursday evening did not take place on account of the violent storm; but it was supposed the members understood it would be given on the first fair night. The next day, Friday, being pleasant those of the members who understood it to be the first fair evening went ahead and prepared for the occasion, and probably the attendance would have been large if the misunderstanding had not arisen. Nevertheless quite a number were present and were well pleased with the evening's entertainment. Before supper was announced the company was treated to a delightful comedy in two acts entitled, The Rice Pudding. The characters in the play were assumed by the following ladies and gentlemen: Mr. John Richards, Mr. Adelbert Dickey; Mrs. John Richards, Mrs. Nellie Dickey; Miss Marion Richards, Miss Abbie Batchelder; Dr. Thwaite, Mr. Howard Elwell; Ellen Shaughnessey, an Irish servant, Mrs. E. B. Elwell. Each one was well adapted for his or her particular part and did exceedingly well; so well, in fact, that it would be rather embarrassing to attempt to praise one more than another. But probably the most conspicuous and most laughable character in the play was Miss Shaughnessey, the servant girl, performed by Mrs. E. B. Elwell, who received a very generous recognition in the way of applause. The play was a very interesting love affair, and like the rice pudding that was served to Mrs. Richards' guests it was terribly mixed, but Dr. Thwaite was equal to the emergency and from the chaos of a general misunderstanding he brought everybody out into a most happy and delightful realization of the facts in the case. Soon after the performance the company were invited to partake of a substantial supper. The invitation was accepted by all present, and the society received a lift financially that was very acceptable.

SECOND WEEK OF MARK DOWN SALE

A. P. MANSFIELD'S.

There was such a run on some of our BARGAINS advertised last week that they are practically all sold, and to-day we substitute others in their places, which we feel sure will be received with equal enthusiasm. Thanking our customers for their more than kind appreciation of our efforts we hope to merit a continuance of the same.

2,000 Yards of Ginghams at 4c. Cut Prices in Yarn, Scotch Yarn, (except black) 12 1-2c.

1 Case Colored Outing, 5c. Curtain Poles, 15c. Regular Price 25c.

1 Case Fruit of the Loom Cotton, 6 1-4c. Half Bleached Table Linen, former price 37c., now 25c.

Present going price, but lowest point reached for years.

2,000 Yards Fine Ginghams at 5c. Warren Heavy Cotton Pant Cloth, Regular price 20. Our price for this sale, 12 1-2c.

1 Bale Cotton, 25 inches wide, at 2 1-2c. 1 Lot Gent's Night Shirts, Slightly Soiled, 50c.

Best 3 Cord Thread, Dragon and other Makes, 2 Spools for 3c. WILL CLOSE THE BALANCE OF OUR

1 Lot Gold Draperies Handsome Shadings, 8c. per yard. Eider Down Flannels, 35c Goods for 25c.

Table Oil Cloths, 15c. 1 Lot Cotton Challie at 3 1-2c.

Remnant Crashes, from 1 to 10 yards lengths, AT REMNANT PRICES. 3 Pieces Black Velvet, Former price \$1.00, for this sale 62 1-2c per yd.

Good Quality of Dormet Flannel at 4c. SHAWLS.

Unbleached Cotton Flannel, 10c. quality, at 7c. Will close the balance of our Shawls at COST and less, which means the best possible value for your money.

Remainder of Our 10c. Outings, 6 1-4c. 1 Lot Cretonnes, Regular Price, 12 1-2c., for 10c.

A MONEY SAVING TIME TO ALL CONSUMERS OF DRY GOODS.

A. P. MANSFIELD'S, Masonic Temple.

Fire, * Smoke * AND * Water.

A CARD.

Not Our Fault.

We wanted to open Saturday, but the insurance companies delayed, and we were obliged to disappoint you. We are open now, and will sell this stock to the last dollar, at less than cost to manufacturers.

CHARLES O'CONNELL.

On November 29th

Our store caught fire and we were badly damaged by smoke and water. There was a part of the stock burned beyond use, but the majority of the goods were only slightly wet, which when dry (as they are now) are just as good as new. We have settled with the insurance companies at

LESS THAN 50 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR.

And to dispose of this stock AT ONCE, will sell you an

A CARD.

Not Our Fault.

We wanted to open Saturday, but the insurance companies delayed, and we were obliged to disappoint you. We are open now, and will sell this stock to the last dollar, at less than cost to manufacturers.

CHARLES O'CONNELL.

* OVERCOAT, ULSTER, SUIT, HAT or CAP *

* For Yourself and Children at Less than ONE-HALF Former Prices. *

Men's Furnishing Goods, Underwear, Outside Shirts, White Shirts,

Gloves, Neckwear, Cardigan Jackets, Sweaters,

* Only slightly damaged by smoke, at about one-quarter the original price. *

To Illustrate What this Means:

Men's Suits, former price \$6.00 to 8.00, now \$3.00 to 4.00

" " " 8.00 to 10.00, now 4 00 to 5.00

Dress Suits, " 10.00 to 15.00, now 7.00 to 8.00

Mens and Children's Pants at HALF PRICE.

25 cents buys a 50 cent Pant.

\$2.00 buys a \$4.00 Pant.

A Lot of Damaged Neckwear 5c. each

COST 50c.

UNDERWEAR, all grades, divided by 2 or 1-2 Price.

Come at once, as the best always goes first. It will pay you to buy all the Clothing you will want for a year to come. REMEMBER THE PLACE,

THE WHITE STORE, * 81 Main St., Belfast.

CHARLES O'CONNELL.

THE NEWS OF BELFAST.

Constable Mears searched the Windmill House Tuesday forenoon, but failed to find any evidence.

A. Johnson and wife, evangelists, will be in Belfast every Sunday at 2 and 7 p. m. in the hall of the Belfast Baptist Church.

Dr. J. H. Jones is to lecture in Waterville, Me., on "The Philosophy of Wit and Wisdom."

We wish he might be heard again in Belfast.

Mr. J. H. Jones of the Belfast Opera House is that Sousa's Band will appear in the near future, and he expects to give a concert for Lillian Tucker.

The agents of Mrs. Ursula Cooper, who was recently in East Machias, arrived in Belfast Monday and were taken to Montville Tuesday by City Sexton Marden.

Sibley & Co. have given to the school committee, for the use of poor scholars, a quantity of shoes, slightly imperfect in finish, or mislabeled, but sound and good for the purpose. The shoes are being distributed by the City Sexton.

A. H. Conant, with the aid of a patent dog, a rat terrier, is exterminating the rats in the Savings Bank building. The dog is trapped, the rat telephoned for, and the work of extermination is done with dispatch. To date nine rats have been killed—no, snow—in post office.

The board of Registration met last week and made a list of the names of the voters who have died or moved away since the November election. The list is being prepared and will be posted at the usual time. A few days, and the Board will be ready to make additions and ward boundaries.

Conant has bought the stock in the David Lancaster store and is moving his grocery and meat business to the store formerly occupied by Mr. Lancaster. He will fit it up with hard-wood floors and make a general renovation. He will move from the Ocean House in a few weeks.

The former Maine State College graduates and non-graduates, will be in Belfast Tuesday, this, Thursday, Feb. 4, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of organizing an association of Penobscot and Eastern Maine alumni and graduates. The committee in charge of the affair is as follows: E. M. Bangor, J. F. Gould, '82, Old Town, Bangor; J. F. Gould, '82, Old Town, Bangor; Edward H. Kelley, '90, Bangor; F. S. Brick, Chas. S. Bickel, W. R. Howard, C. J. Pattee, R. H. Wood and H. M. Prentiss.

The papers of the new steamer which F. W. Collins has recently built for his growing lobster business, have been taken to the custom house, though the steamer has not yet been forwarded. It was constructed at East Boothbay and is named the Ina E. Collins. W. Irving Adams was the master carpenter. The steamer is 187 feet long, 18.7 beam, and 7.5 depth, 41.27 gross and 14.69 net tonnage. This makes her considerably larger than the steamer Grace Morgan, the staunchest of which has served Mr. Collins so long. The new steamer will be towed here to receive the machinery by the steamer Merryconeg, which Capt. I. E. Archibald has recently purchased in Portland. [Rockland Star.]

Mr. Collins has used sailing craft in his business in addition to the steamer Grace Morgan, but finds more steam service necessary.

THE MUSICAL FESTIVAL. Mr. E. S. Pitcher has received letters fully explaining the plan of the proposed musical festival to be held in Lewiston next October, and preliminary arrangements are being made for Belfast to send a chorus. The plan is to have a chorus of about hundred voices and to make a musical organization similar to the "Worcester Festival" which has been held 39 years. More than twenty cities and towns are already preparing for the event. The festival will be under the direction of Prof. S. H. Chandler, a native of Maine, but one of the most famous orchestra leaders in the country. Madame Nordica and the famous singers will participate. The orchestra will include a large number of musicians, and Seidel's Orchestra of New York city. A meeting of the chorus was held at the store of E. S. Pitcher Tuesday evening and about 50 were present and joined the society. The following officers were elected: President, R. P. Chase; Secretary, Mrs. E. P. Frost; Treasurer, E. S. Pitcher; committee, C. E. White, F. G. Mox, John Parker. The High school has been engaged for the meetings, which, until further notice, will be held on Tuesday evenings.

GRAY. Owney, the railway mail dog, has a portrait in Harper's Round Table of Jan. 23rd. The poster for the Band entertainment to-morrow night was printed by Geo. W. Burgess, Opera House block. B. H. Kneeton has sold his new cottage on Cedar street to Mrs. Samuel A. Littlefield of Winthrop, whose family will occupy it. S. H. Holt has re-named his cat-boat, formerly the Inca, and she is henceforth to be called the Inca. James P. C. Kimball of Belfast has been granted a pension of \$12 per month with arrears of \$53.50. It is now lawful for residents of Maine to fish through ice for trout and landlocked salmon, except in waters which are covered by a special law. The law expired Sunday night at midnight. Mrs. S. B. Holt lost a valuable black fur muff last week between Marshfield's store and her home on Primrose Hill. Andrew Johnson will give his lecture on "Slave Life in the South," at Bradman's Hall, East Belfast, next Wednesday evening. C. E. Tibbets killed his dog last week. The animal was a York-shire, 2 years and 5 months old, and dressed 75 pounds. A large and excellent crayon portrait of Mrs. E. S. Pitcher was on exhibition at Clement's bookstore. It is the work of Miss Bertha Hatch of Morrill.

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There has been more infringement on the genuine "BELFAST" No. 5 cigar than any other brand made in New England. Did you ever notice how people try to imitate a good thing?

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4 First Prizes, each of \$100 Cash - \$ 400.00

20 Second " " " \$100.00 Bicycles - 2,000.00

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3. Competitors who obtain wrappers obtained soap in dealer's stock will be disqualified. Employees of Lever Brothers, Ltd., and their families, are debarred from competing.

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5. Lever Brothers, Ltd., will endeavor toward the prize fairly to the best of their ability and judgment, but it is understood that all who complete agree to accept the award of Lever Brothers, Ltd., as final.

LEVER BROS., Ltd., New York.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Belfast Post Office for the week ending Jan. 30, 1897: Ladies—Miss Edith B. Pendleton. Gentlemen—C. A. Duome.

THE GIRLS' HOME. On the second page of this issue will be found some interesting extracts from the little paper issued in the interest of the Girls' Home. One of the wants therein mentioned has been supplied. The managers acknowledge the receipt of a barrel of oil from friends. The Children's Aid Society extend thanks for a dictionary from Mrs. Gertrude Sargent, Bucksport, Me., and \$10 from Augustine Thompson, M. D., Lowell, Mass. The next regular meeting of the executive committee will be held at the Alliance Parlor, Feb. 9th at 3:30 p. m. The receiving and placing out committee will meet at the Alliance rooms, Main street, Feb. 5th at 4:30 p. m.

LAST WEEK'S STORM. The first heavy snow storm of the season occurred last Thursday, accompanied by a high wind, which drifted the roads badly. The freight train Thursday afternoon was cancelled and the engine and snow-plow sent out about 3 o'clock. The afternoon trains on the main line were late and the passenger train on the Belfast branch was 2 hours late out of Burnham. It arrived here 2 hours and 5 minutes late. The trains ran on time the next day. The schooner Fannie & Edith parted the line by which she was moored to the lower bridge, but her anchors held her and no damage was done. The mail stages all made their regular trips Thursday except the Stockton Springs stage, which did not go out after the arrival of the evening train. The Liberty stage did not arrive Friday. The two Castine and Islesboro steamers remained here Thursday night, but went over early next morning in time to make their regular trips.

RAILROAD MATTERS. The thirty-eighth annual report of the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Maine is at hand. It gives a comprehensive review of all the business of the railroads, both steam and electric, in the State during the year, and the official acts of the Board on petitions, etc. Among the latter are the following: Petition of the Municipal Officers of Belfast relating to the crossing of a highway above the Maine Central tracks at the foot of Main street. "Petition dismissed by the Board, the petitioners failing to show that the street had been legally located." Petition of Selectmen of Waldo relating to a highway crossing in the town of Waldo over the Maine Central Railroad. "Dismissed for want of jurisdiction."

ACCIDENTS. Mrs. Julia Nickerson met with a peculiar and serious accident last Saturday forenoon. She lives with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Whitten, near the easterly end of the bridge, and going into Bradman's store to make some purchases, she accidentally walked into an open scuttle in the floor. The trap door was turned up and held by a chain, and in her fall Mrs. Nickerson caught hold of this chain, which closed the door. Her right hand was caught under the door and crushed so badly that it was necessary to amputate three fingers. She was also quite badly bruised by the fall. The tendon of one of the fingers was pulled from the arm up to the elbow where it broke, remaining in the jamb of the door when she fell into the cellar. Hon. Wm. C. Marshall was thrown from his sleigh while driving on Northport avenue Monday and his horse got away from him, but was stopped without damage. Mr. Marshall was slightly bruised.

SHIPPING ITEMS. The annual report, recently issued, shows a total net tonnage of 425 tons for 14 vessels built and launched in the Waldoboro district. This is less than half the shipping built in 1895, which was the lowest ever recorded in the district. During the year there were 473 foreign entrances and 451 clearances, and 42 American vessels from foreign ports in the district. Sch. Mary Farrow, Belfast for Boston with hay, was weather-bound in Portland harbor for over two weeks. Capt. G. A. Erskine arrived at his home in Bucksport last Thursday. His vessel, sch. Hattie H. Barbour, is at Delaware Breakwater, bound up, but detained by ice. Sch. Hattie E. King sailed Jan. 29th for St. John, N. B., to haul up for the winter. Sch. Sarah Hill arrived Jan. 30th with corn for Swan & Sibley Co. and some general cargo after a long and stormy passage from Boston. Sch. Maria Webster arrived Saturday from Mt. Desert and loaded time clocks for Rockland Monday. Sch. Jennie Greenbank, reported last week capsized off York Nubble, has been righted and towed into York harbor. The vessel is not badly injured. The hull of sch. Robert I. Carter was sold at Portland last week at public auction to James Hughes of New York for \$1,000, and will be constructed into a coal barge. Two of the spars sold for \$100 apiece, and the rigging was knocked down to a junk dealer. Capt. T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport has received from Bermuda a fine photograph of the dismantled Bucksport schooner, Arthur V. S. Woodruff, Capt. S. S. Heagan, showing her exact appearance on her arrival at Bermuda. The photo also shows the big iron ship Tillie E. Starbuck in a damaged condition, which put in shortly after the Woodruff arrived, with loss of many spars and sails. The Woodruff will remain at Bermuda until the spars and sails, now ready at Bucksport, reach here. Sch. Elizabeth Foster, Capt. Evander Harman, which left Gloucester nearly three weeks ago with general cargo for Belfast and Bucksport, is missing. The vessel is 42 years old, registers 65 tons, and is owned by Nathan F. Powers of Bucksport. Sch. Jas. Holmes is loading for Boston, with hay from F. G. White and L. T. Shales, and leather-board from Sherman & Co.

DOLLARS SAVED FOR ECONOMIC BUYERS THIS WEEK

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GEO. W. BURKETT'S

It has been impossible for our force to give the attention required to the immense throng of customers that visited our store the past week. We **URGE** upon our patrons the advisability of trading during the morning hours as much as possible, as it enables us to show to advantage the large invoice of **NEW GOODS** at the special mark down rates that have excited the trade of this county.

* Look at our Program for this Week! *

A Sensation in Dress Goods.

1 Case All Wool Brocades, 44 inches wide,

Beautiful new goods, worth 75c., for this sale, **39c**

1 Case All Wool Serges (new goods),

SPRING SHADES, ONLY **25c**

1 Case All Wool Illuminated Mixtures,

WORTH 75c., FOR THIS SALE, **50c**

1 Case ALL WOOL FILLED CHALLIES,

Sold in Boston for 25c., shall sell for **12c**

2 Cases more of those FINE PONGEES, 6c

1 Case yard wide DRESS PERCALES, 6c

1 Case DIMITIES, lovely patterns, 6c

1 Case ALOE DRESS CLOTHS, 32 in wide,

Sold for 19c., for this sale **8c**

1 Case LOVELY LE PLISSE BROCADES,

New Summer Fabric, worth 37 1-2c., now **25c**

1 Bale ALL WOOL REMNANT CARPETS,

Good Rug Lengths, only **25c**

2 Cases STANDARD PRINTS, 4c

2,000 yards Fruit of the Loom Cotton,

ONE YARD WIDE, ONLY **6c**

3 Bales LOCKWOOD COTTONS,

1 yard wide, remnants, only **4c**

3 Bales Lockwood 40 in. Cotton, remnants, 5c

PRINT WRAPPERS.

100 Print Wrappers, lovely pattern, full

skirts, nicely made, for this sale, **75c**Berege Veilings only - - - **15c**50 Pieces Nice Twilled Crash only **6c**

1 Case HEAVY PIQUES,

Regular price 12 1-2c., now **7c**

DRESS SILKS.

Look at our window display!

Wash Silks for Waists, only **25c**

Lovely Silks for Waists,

In great variety, from **67c** to **\$1.50** per yard.

10 Pcs. Heavy Satin Stripes & Brocades,

Sold in Boston for \$1.25, this sale **69c**

1 Large Lot of Damask Towels,

Just bought, worth 50c., this sale **25c**

TABLINGS and NAPKINS.

We show the trade an entirely new stock of Tablings and Napkins at prices that will insure a ready sale of the whole stock.

MACHINE THREAD for this Sale, **3c**

ONLY 12 SPOOLS TO A CUSTOMER.

Kid Gloves. Foster 7-Hook Suede Gloves,

former price \$1.50, only **\$1.00.**

Foster Mousquetaire sell for \$1.75,

now **\$1.25.** Every pair warranted.

LADIES and MISSES' JACKETS,

We have 5 Misses' Jackets from 10 to 14 years sizes, new goods, at half their value.

11 Ladies' Jackets, all new, at 50c. on the dol-

lar. WHO WANTS THEM?

Cotton Underwear!

One of the greatest attractions is the immense assortment we exhibit in this line of goods. Prices mighty low.

1 Case Ladies' Outing Night Dresses,

Nicely made, handsome patterns, former price

\$1.25, now **\$1.00.**

1 Case Chenille Table Covers

Only 49c Each.

Hamburgs.

We offer the trade the most magnificent bargains in this line of goods, our stock new. Elegant patterns from **5c** to **20c** per yard.

We thank the people of this city and county for the interest they have manifested in this great sale. It is certainly a gratification to us to feel that our efforts in selling these new goods at such low margin of profits has met with such hearty appreciation on the part of the public. We said we should not **DECEIVE** the trade and the trade recognizes the truthfulness of our statement.

GEO. W. BURKETT,

Odd Fellows' Block, Belfast.

